

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the following paragraphs of the specification. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Specification Amendments showing a marked up version of each replacement paragraph.

*Please replace the section heading on page 1, after line 13 as follows:*

**BACKGROUND ART**

*Please replace the section heading on page 8, after line 6 as follows:*

**~~DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION~~ SUMMARY**

*Please replace the section heading on page 13, after line 4 as follows:*

**~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION  
OF EXAMPLE EMBODIMENTS**

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:*

When the sheet materials are transported onto the cutting support face 4, the surface of the layered sheet materials 1 is covered with a cover sheet ~~14~~ 15. The cover sheet ~~14~~15 is a non-breathable film made of a synthetic resin, and supplied from a sheet roll 17 supported at a stand 16 disposed upright on the transport-in side on the table 2 to the surface of the sheet materials 1. The cover sheet ~~14~~ 15 is cut together with the sheet materials 1 by the cutting blade 14.